

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. §120.

Claims 2-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants intend to present additional claims by Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. If the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment has not been associated with the file when this case is taken up for action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

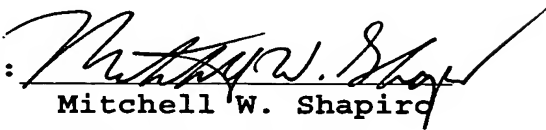
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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